

July, 2000, is under examination of the Court of Inquiry set up under Rule 75 of Aircraft Rules, 1937, to hold formal investigation into the circumstances of the accident.

Security lapses at Airports

3119. MISS MABEL REBELLO:

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that security persons are not alert during their duty hours on the Airports.

(b) whether it is also a fact that their equipment are not working properly; and

(c) what happened on the day of trial at Chennai Airport before the arrival of PM?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Security persons remain alert during their duty hours. Immediate action is taken in case of any lapse.

(b) Equipment are regularly checked and maintained by technical wing of Airports Authority of India.

(c) Dummy checks were carried out by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) officers on 3.7.2000. Inadequacies observed in the security arrangements at Chennai airport were brought to the notice of Tamil Nadu police authorities and the arrangements were suitably tightened.

“Namaskar India” Contract to Business India Group

3120. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contract for publishing of “Namaskar India” has been given to “Business India Group” by the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the fact at the time of awarding the contract that the allegations under the different sections